GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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IDENTITY CARD FOUND IN GODOWN OF SCRAP DEALER
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that voters identity cards were found in the godown of the scrap dealer in Gaziabad (Uttar Pradesh);

(b) if so, whether the number of voters identity cards found from the godown of the scrap dealers was much less than the actual number;

(c) whether the Government have conducted a high level inquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof;

(e) the action taken against the guilty persons so far; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (f) The Election Commission of India has informed that it received intimation/complaints through press reports and from a political party regarding allegation of electors` photo identity cards being detected in possession of scrap dealers in Gaziabad. The Commission got conducted an inquiry into the matter with the help of the Chief Electoral Officer, Uttar Pradesh and the District Magistrate, Gaziabad whereby a total of 197 photo identity cards were recovered from the scrap dealer. The Commission has stated that the distribution of photo identity cards to the voters in Gaziabad was entrusted to the Office of `Nagar Nigam`.The distribution was not carried out properly and due to their carelessness these cards found their way to the scrap dealer for which departmental action has been initiated against the concerned officials.